



New Start Dialysis Transition Program

Live Strong, COVID-Safe and Frailty Free Project

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The NT Renal Services Logo, and Top End Renal Service New Start Dialysis Transition Program Education Story

ABC Darwin's *Fi Poole* spoke with Ms Onika Paolucci is also the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner working at Renal Home Therapies at Royal Darwin Hospital. Ms Paolucci, an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander woman and artist, also designed the NT Renal Services Logo to help explain the way renal services work with people to support health. [Click here to listen to Onika describing the meaning of the snake logo.](#)

Ms Paolucci also created the New Start Dialysis Transition Program Education Program. Delivered to patients and family members, the education program includes individual and group learning, and supported by a booklet, short videos and demonstrations and helping people to practice new techniques.

During 2021 the Live Strong COVID-safe Frailty Free Project team will evaluate *how* the education program supports people to transition from beginner knowledge to expert of their own renal and dialysis care.



Ms Onika Paolucci

